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JOHN JACOB ASTOR'S WIDOW TO WED; LOSES WILL INCOME FROM \$5,000,000

STEAMER, 1,400 ABOARD, RAMMED IN HELL GATE; MANY LEAP OVERBOARD

The Benjamin Franklin, Carrying Excursion of the Congress Club of Brooklyn, in Collision in East River—Loss of Life Feared.

The steamer Benjamin Franklin, carrying 1,500 members of the Congress Club of Kings County, was rammed by the tug Elmer Keller in Hell Gate this afternoon. A large hole was stove in her starboard side and the boat listed. Many jumped overboard in the panic that followed. Nearby boats rescued many. It is not known whether any are lost. The boat was docked at Williams's Stoneyard at Astoria, L. I.

The Benjamin Franklin was proceeding through Hell Gate and the strong tide carried away the rudder of the tug. The boats came together with great force and the water rushed into the hold of the excursion boat. The tug backed away and was so badly damaged that her captain beached the craft.

As soon as the boats struck, a panic ensued. Numerous boats came to the rescue, but the captain rushed his craft to the Long Island shore. When near shore many jumped into the river and swam ashore.

The Congress Club is one of the strongest Republican organizations in Kings County. The excursion left from the foot of South Eleventh Street and was bound for Witzel's Point Grove.

HUGHES RENTS COTTAGE OUT ON LONG ISLAND

Takes "Prenaden." Owned by the Esterbrook Family at Bridgehampton.

BRIDGEHAMPTON, N. Y., June 17.—It was announced to-day that Charles E. Hughes while in New York this week closed a deal by which he and his family will occupy "Prenaden," the cottage here belonging to the Esterbrook family, during the month of July.

It is understood that if the candidate and his family like the location they may extend the lease into August and beyond.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for President, who returned to his home here last night, spent most of to-day making preparations for moving his family to a summer home.

Mr. Hughes was up early. He went for an automobile ride, driving his car himself. He declared he had nothing to say on political affairs, and declined to say whether he had seen the statement made by George W. Perkins, in New York last night, regarding negotiations for the restoration of good feeling between Progressives and Republicans.

Callers who had engagements included Representative W. D. Stephens of Los Angeles, Cal., a Progressive Republican; Senator John D. Works of California; Representative Richard Austin of Tennessee; former Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina; and Representative M. B. Madden of Chicago.

It is Mr. Hughes's intention to take his family to a summer place some where in the Catskills in New York City, but remote enough to be inconspicuous to curious sightseers.

GERMANS RUSHED TO AID AUSTRIANS; DRIVE UNCHECKED

Czar's Troops Now Striking at Second Line of Austrian Defenses.

KOVEL MAY SOON FALL.

Austrians Claim Defeat of Cavalry Force South of the Dneister.

BERLIN, June 17 (via London).—Gen. von Linsingen's troops have engaged the Russians in battle in the Stokhod and Styr sectors, says the official statement issued by the German Army Headquarters to-day.

The statement adds that parts of the army of Gen. Count von Bothmer are engaged in battle with the Russians to the north of Przewloka.

New combats have started along the entire Volhynian front, according to to-day's report from the Austro-Hungarian headquarters. Several attempts of the Russians to cross the River Styr failed, the Russians suffering heavily.

The text of the Austrian statement follows:

"South of the Dneister our troops repulsed the enemy's cavalry. Further to the east there were only small engagements in this district.

"West of Vlasovetzky Russian attack against our positions are in progress. Two officers and 400 Russians remained in the hands of our troops. Near Tarnopol there were no special events.

"On the whole Volhynian front new combats have been started. On the Stokhod and the Styr several enemy attempts to cross the river failed. The enemy as usual suffered heavy losses."

"The last paragraph of the statement shows the desperate resistance the Austrians are making to the Russian army that has for its object the capture of Kovel, the largest railway centre in the present fighting zone.

RUSSIANS NOW STRIKE AT SECOND LINE OF AUSTRIAN DEFENSES.

PETROGRAD, June 17.—Gathering momentum as it progresses, the great Russian offensive against the Austro-German lines on the southeastern front continues to-day to sweep forward. The Russians have reached the Austrian second line of defense, in some places fifty miles in the rear of the first, and are attacking them with the same vigor they showed when the drive opened two weeks ago. Thousands of prisoners and untold quantities of captured war supplies are being sent to the rear.

Gen. Brusiloff is still driving in from the Kovel region to the River Pruth. West of Czernowitz, which the Austrians have evacuated, he is pushing on toward Stanislaw in an effort to cut the Austrian lines of communications between Lemberg and all southern parts of the line. The Austrians are retreating toward the high Carpathian Mountains and further Russian successes in the south will force them down on the plains of Hungary.

If the Russian forces cross the Carpathians, as it now seems they will, they will be able to strike a serious blow at both Germany and Austria by occupying the rich farm country upon which the Teutons have been basing their hopes of raising sufficient in the present harvest to feed

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Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Who Is to Marry Friend Of Her Girlhood Days, William K. Dick, Banker



ATTACK BY U. S. TROOPS ON MEXICANS AT BORDER; PERSHING'S ARMY MENACED

Funston Given Notice That Further Pursuit of Marauders Means Battle—Troops in El Paso Ordered to Kill if Shots Are Fired.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—With Gen. Pershing facing practically a hostile army in Mexico and the border aroused over Gen. Carranza's war threat, officials here to-day admitted that the possibility of a clash that would precipitate hostilities was possible any hour.

In view of this situation all the troops along the entire border are held ready for action and to-day the aspect was warlike. A drive against raiders in the Brownsville district was made by cavalry and infantry and three Mexicans were killed.

Another sign that trouble is imminent is the fact that Philip Hanna, Consul General at Monterey, and J. H. Silliman, Consul at Saltillo, have been called home by the State Department.

The withdrawal of these two consular officers will leave the United States Government with no consular representatives at interior points in Mexico, except an agent at Mexico City.

Gen. Funston advised the War Department to-day that he was in partnership to-day that he was informed by Gen. Bell at El Paso that Gen. Pershing had been warned by Gen. Trevino, the Carranza commander at Chihuahua, that any movement of the American expedition to the north, west or east would be a signal for an attack by the Mexican forces.

When Bell telegraphed that Gen. Trevino had telegraphed to Pershing that if any more troops crossed the border they will be attacked, or if any attempt to move any more troops is made these will be attacked," said Funston's telegram.

No word has come so far from Gen. Pershing himself, but even before the arrival of Gen. Funston's message, Department officials were not in credit newspaper dispatches telling of the Trevino warning. Preparations

COLLEGE OARSMEN AWAIT STRUGGLE ON HUDSON COURSE

Smooth Water in Prospect for the Boat Contests of Four Universities.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 17.—After an ominous rain in the morning the weather cleared somewhat after noon and there were better prospects of good weather for the college contests on the classic Poughkeepsie-Highland boat course on the Hudson.

There was hardly a breath of wind stirring and the water flowed smooth and black down the four-mile course over which the oarsmen of Columbia, Cornell, Syracuse and Pennsylvania were to struggle later in the day. Clouds still hung over the course, however.

The spectators and excursion boats brought large crowds from points up and down the river, while automobiles and trolley lines add other hundreds to the throngs.

There was little or no change on the waning conditions two hours before the opening event of the regatta. The real betting on the various four-mile race was principally between Syracuse and Cornell athletes.

The range varied from 5 to 1000 to 1 in favor of Cornell, according to the persuasive powers of those most interested.

Columbia and Pennsylvania supporters also indulged in considerable wagering. Cornell was slightly favored over the other crews in the junior and freshman races, but chief interest centered in the outcome of the four-mile contest.

The junior variety race will be the first on the programme, at 4 o'clock, followed by the freshmen at 4:45. The variety—the big race of the year—is scheduled for 6 o'clock.

Killed in Stelke Riot.
OAKLAND, Cal., June 17.—M. E. Stelke, a union steward, was shot to death today when strike riots broke out at the water front. Four arrests were made.

MARRIES WILLIAM K. DICK, BANKER, WORTH \$3,000,000, AT BAR HARBOR, ME., SOON

By Her Remarriage the 24-Year-Old Widow of Victim of Titanic Also Loses Right to Live in the Famous Astor Mansion on Fifth Avenue.

COL. ASTOR'S WEDDING SETTLEMENT \$2,000,000

Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, the young widow of John Jacob Astor, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster, is to be married very soon, at Bar Harbor, Me., to William K. Dick, vice president of the Manufacturers' Trust Company of New York, according to an announcement this afternoon in the Brooklyn Times, of which Mr. Dick is part owner and director.

The announcement, the newspaper states, is made "by authority" and adds that the marriage license has already been issued. Inquiry at the Fifth Avenue home of Mrs. Astor resulted in the information that she left New York on Thursday last for Bar Harbor.

Mrs. Astor, over the long-distance phone from Bar Harbor this afternoon, would not deny the engagement, but she was not to be married on Monday, as had been reported.

Mr. Dick and his bride will go to the West, returning in about a month, and they will make their home at Islip, one of Long Island's fashionable colonies. Mr. Dick is twenty-eight years old, four years older than Mrs. Astor. They were friends for many years before Mrs. Force's marriage to Mr. Astor.

Mrs. Astor, through remarriage, will lose the income from a trust fund of \$5,000,000 which her husband set aside for her, and also the right to residence in the Astor mansion on Fifth Avenue. The trust fund and the house will revert to Mr. Astor's son Vincent, in accordance with the terms of Mr. Astor's will. Mr. Astor is known to have settled a large sum—estimated as high as \$20,000,000—upon his wife at the time of their marriage. This sum will not be affected in any way by her marriage to Mr. Dick. At any rate, Mr. Dick is himself a millionaire, his fortune being between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

WILL CONTINUE AS GUARDIAN OF INFANT SON.
Mrs. Astor will continue to remain guardian for her son John Jacob Astor 3d, who was born several months after Mrs. Astor's death and is now about four years old.

The Dick country home at Islip, which Mr. Dick and his bride will occupy after their return from the West, is known as "Allen Winden." In the autumn they will open a town house in New York.

Although Mrs. Astor and Mr. Dick have been engaged for two months, this is the first public intimation of their betrothal and their imminent wedding. Mr. Dick's home is at No. 20 East 17th Street, but he lived for years in Brooklyn, the home of his bride.

The marriage ceremony will be witnessed by the parents of the bridegroom, his brother-in-law, Horace Havemeyer, and W. Kingsley Macy, Mrs. Havemeyer, Mrs. Macy, Seth Barton French, Lyman N. Hine and W. Scott Hyde. Adolph M. Dick, brother of the bridegroom, will be his best man.

Mrs. Astor will not be attended by bridesmaid or maid of honor, although her younger sister, Katherine Force, will be present at the ceremony.

The wedding service will be read in Mrs. Astor's Bar Harbor home, and a considerable party from New York

YOU MAY PUT AWAY YOUR UMBRELLA, FOR SUNDAY WILL BE FAIR

The Weather Bureau's forecast for to-night and to-morrow is: "Probably clearing to-night. Sunday fair. Fresh southerly to southwesterly winds."

"YUM YUM!" CRIES BABY WILD CAT PUT ON BOTTLE

Bill Snyder, Godfather of Forlorn Infant, Places Him on Warm Milk Diet.

Bill Snyder has a new boarder. It is a wildcat cub about two months old, who came by express all the way from the cypress swamps of Barnwell County, South Carolina. He was sent up by W. E. Silverthorn, a lumberman, who lives at No. 44 East Sixty-third Street and who often visits the Central Park Zoo with his little boy. Mr. Silverthorn saw the mother nursing away from the cub a few days ago and managed to catch him after a lively scramble.

When the cub arrived this morning Bill Snyder named him Joe and put him in the end cage of the monkey house. There were a lot of bones in the traveling crate, but when Bill gave Joe a nursing bottle filled with warm milk he drank deep and long and uttered distinct cries of "Yum-Yum."

Joe weighs four pounds and he is round as a butter ball. His fur is brown with gray spots. If any one but Bill goes near him he arches his back, squints his fierce green eyes and says, "Yow! Yow! Yow!"

CARDINAL ORDAINS PRIESTS.

Blessing is Conferred at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

St. Patrick's Cathedral was crowded to capacity to-day when Cardinal Farley ordained seventeen priests and twenty-five deacons.